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FY 2019 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Narrative Information Sheet

January 31, 2019

1. Applicant Identification

Erie County Coalition
Erie County Industrial Development Authority – Coalition Lead Agency
900 State St., Suite 301-C
Erie, PA 16501

DUNS NUMBER: 078312160

2. Funding Requested

- a) Assessment Grant Type: Coalition, Community-Wide Assessment Grant
- b) Federal Funds Requested:
 - i. \$526,000
 - ii. Not Applicable
- c) Contamination: Hazardous Substances; \$371,250 and Petroleum Products; \$154,750

3. Location: All of Erie County, Pennsylvania.

4. Property Information for Site-Specific Proposals: Not Applicable

5. Contacts:

- a) Project Director:

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Erie County Industrial Development Authority
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900 State St., Suite 301-C
Erie, PA 16501
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6. Population

- i) The project is within the limits of Erie County, Pennsylvania. The County's population according to the 2010 US Census was 280,566.
 - a) Priority Site #1 – Former Corry Rubber – Corry, PA: 6,420*
 - b) Priority Site #2 – Erie Coke – City of Erie, PA: 101,786**
 - c) Priority Site #3 – Riley Babcock Power Site – City of Erie, PA: 101,786**
 - d) Priority Site #4 – QUIN-T – City of Erie, PA: 101,786**
 - e) Priority Site #5 – NORAM Seating – Union City, PA: 3,217*
- * US Census data as reported in the Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018)
**2010 US Census population data.

7. The “Other Factors” checklist is attached.

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1-2
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	
The redevelopment of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or any energy efficiency improvement projects.	3
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfields site(s) within the target area.	

8. Letter from the State Environmental Authority is attached

Thank you for your consideration,



Katrina Vincent, Vice President of Real Estate and Chief Operating Officer



January 28, 2019

Richard M. Novotny
Executive Director
Erie County Industrial Development Authority
1524 Enterprise Road
Corry, PA 16407

RE: USEPA Brownfields Assessment Proposal | State Letter of Acknowledgement
Erie County Industrial Development Authority
Erie County, Pennsylvania

Mr. Novotny:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to support your efforts to redevelop brownfield properties in your community. Returning underutilized lands to productive use improves our environment, safeguards our residents and helps boost Pennsylvania's economy.

The DEP supports Erie County Industrial Development Authority's application for a \$600,000 Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Coalition Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for hazardous substances. The coalition will consist of Erie County Industrial Development Authority, Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, Inc and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Corry. These funds will be used to investigate brownfield sites in Erie County and develop a remediation plan for the locations that are the most viable options to drive and spur community revitalization.

The Erie County Industrial Development Authority's work creates renewed neighborhoods and business districts in Pennsylvania and is a worthwhile endeavor. Both Central Office and Regional Office Staff in the Land Recycling Program look forward to supporting Erie County Industrial Development Authority and USEPA Region 3 on this project.

If you have any questions, please contact John Gross by email at johngross@pa.gov or by telephone at 717-783-7502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Conrad".

Troy Conrad
Director
Bureau Environmental Cleanups and Brownfields

1.a.i. Erie County (the County) is located in rural, northwestern Pennsylvania along the shores of Lake Erie. The County has a long and proud tradition of agriculture and manufacturing and was an important part of the Underground Railroad. Historically, the County was an important center for shipbuilding, fishing, and hub for rail commerce until the mid-1800s. Like much of western Pennsylvania, the County was also an important location for iron and steel manufacturing. Local coal production and steel manufacturing, along with the associated railroads, fueled economic and population growth throughout the County for most of the 20th Century. However, shifting trends in the steel and manufacturing industries in the late 20th Century hit Erie's economy particularly hard. Industrial manufacturing operations closed or relocated, rail commerce declined, and the reliance on coal diminished. These industries were the backbone of the County's economy and with them, so too went the jobs and prosperity that had allowed the County to thrive and prosper for so long. More recently, General Electric announced the sale of its locomotive division and that the main locomotive manufacturing facility would move out of the City of Erie to Texas, eliminating over 500 jobs in the County. While the City of Erie and the County are working diligently to re-establish themselves in the modern economy, the deep-rooted legacy of manufacturing and industry throughout the County has created an extensive landscape of blighted, underutilized, and abandoned properties that continue to represent a burden on the County and are inhibiting renewed economic prosperity.

The deleterious effects of a century of manufacturing and intensive land use centered around the steel manufacturing industries have created hundreds of brownfields sites with myriad environmental and physical hazards across the entire county. Coal ash piles, millions of square feet of blighted and abandoned manufacturing space, underutilized lakefront industrial sites, and the associated deteriorating railroad infrastructure are ubiquitous throughout the County. The presence of these sites has negatively impacted the overall economic, social, aesthetic, health, and environmental condition of the County and its largest urban center and county seat, the City of Erie (the City). In many areas of the County and neighborhoods of the City, brownfields are located near sensitive populations living in disadvantaged communities. Within the City, these sites are centrally located within residential neighborhoods near churches, community centers, and schools. Beyond the larger towns, the impacted communities are largely small, rural, and lack the resources to confront the complex challenges of meaningful brownfields redevelopment. The Erie County Coalition (the Coalition); the Erie County Industrial Development Authority, the Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, and the Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry have recognized the need to identify additional resources to support brownfields redevelopment and community revitalization throughout the County.

1.a.ii. The legacy of manufacturing and the steel industry across Erie County is proving to be a difficult challenge to overcome as the County reinvents itself and to adapt to a changing economy. The County is rife with brownfields sites as a result of the decline in these industries which are preventing the County from realizing their full economic potential. These brownfield sites are negatively impacting sensitive populations by potentially exposing them to a myriad of contaminants through multiple pathways and the vacant and crumbling buildings on these sites are a physical hazard and attract crime, vandalism, and drug use. Direct contact, inhalation, ingestion, and vapor intrusion are all concerns given the nature of the contaminants associated with the past uses of these sites. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Environment Facility Application Compliance Tracking System (eFACTS) database of regulated environmental sites lists over 3,000 regulated or potentially impacted sites (non well pad) throughout Erie County.

The table below provides a brief description of the initial list of the highest priority brownfield sites in Erie County that will be targeted for assessment because of their size, potential for contamination to impact sensitive populations, environmental liabilities, and the historic use of these sites.

Site	Municipality	Adjacent to Body of Water?	Opportunity Zone	Potential Contamination
Corry Rubber	Corry	No	No	VOCs, PCBs, Metals
Erie Coke	Erie (city)	Yes (Lake Erie)	Yes	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals

Riley Babcock Power	Erie (city)	No	Yes	SVOCs, PCBs, Metals
QUIN-T	Erie (city)	No	Yes	Asbestos, Metals
Vacant Petroleum Sites	County Wide	Various	Various	Petroleum Products
NORAM Seating	Union City	Yes	No	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals
Former Silver Site	Erie (city)	No	Yes	VOCs, Metals

Another brownfields challenge within the County is the potential migration of contaminants from these sites into Lake Erie which, amongst other uses, is utilized as a regional drinking-water source. Pollution from runoff related to agriculture and industrial land use adjacent to the lakefront has long been a concern for Lake Erie. This pollution, in part from the brownfields sites such as the Erie Coke site listed above, has been negatively impacting water quality and contributing to nefarious ecological impacts such as fish population collapse and the establishment of dead zones for decades. Mitigating the contributions of pollution to Lake Erie from brownfields is necessary and represents an opportunity for the County to promote healthy waterways on local, state, and international levels.

1.b.i. Expanding the County's ability to assess brownfields and restore their potential as both economic and community resources will allow the Coalition to support the goals and objectives outlined in Erie Refocused: City of Erie, PA – Comprehensive Plan and Community Decision-Making Guide (2016), the Erie County Department of Planning Coastal Zone Management plan, the Erie County Land Use Plan (2003), and the Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018). These plans were developed by both the County and Erie City using extensive and targeted input from the residents and community organizations that are directly impacted by the blight and environmental legacy of brownfields. Overall, the goals of these plans are to promote responsible development and reuse of existing brownfields sites, protect Lake Erie by mitigating environmental hazards in the coastal zone, encourage sensible growth throughout the County by utilizing existing public utility infrastructure, and provide access to greenspace to disadvantaged and sensitive populations. These long-term, capital improvement, community revitalization, and hazard mitigation plans have all identified brownfields as important.

The overall redevelopment strategy of the Erie Coalition is to identify and assess those brownfields sites that have the greatest potential for redevelopment, consistent with the goals and vision of the various comprehensive and development plans developed in the County. Because nearly 70% of the population of Erie County lives within a coastal zone community, the Erie Coalition will also actively target brownfield sites within the Lake Erie coastal zone that support the goals of Erie County Coastal Zone Management plan to balance coastal land use with conservation of water-related resources and reduce pollution inputs to Lake Erie. Beyond the direct economic and environmental benefits, the Coalition's redevelopment strategy is also inclusive of social repair objectives consistent with the City of Erie's 2016 Comprehensive Plan to restore a sense of community throughout the City by removing blight and hazardous sites within the various city neighborhoods. The most recent Erie County Land Use Plan specifically identifies the preferential development of brownfields sites to positively impact and promote growth and economic development throughout the County. Accordingly, the priority brownfields sites identified by the Erie Coalition are consistent with the County's best practices identified in its Land Use Plan implementation strategy. However, the Erie Coalition needs additional funding resources to identify and assess these brownfields sites and help the communities throughout the County to meet their strategic and redevelopment goals.

1.b.ii. The Erie Coalition will use a systematic approach to brownfields redevelopment by identifying and assessing those brownfields which are consistent with the principles and goals of the various development and land use plans across the County. A major goal of the City of Erie's Comprehensive Plan is to develop the City as a stronger regional core as the City remains the development center of the County and functions as the County Seat. By revitalizing blighted, abandoned, and potentially contaminated brownfields sites throughout the City, the Erie Coalition's revitalization plan will promote economic stability and growth while strengthening the social fabric of the City by making brownfields sites more attractive for development. This will mitigate existing hazardous conditions, lead to job creation, and opportunities for the disadvantaged neighborhoods

and population across the City. Accordingly, the former QUIN-T site, which is located in the City's Trinity Park neighborhood, is a known source of asbestos contamination and after several fires, the vacant building is a public hazard and a known location for substance use. This site has already been identified as a high priority site within the City by the Coalition and redeveloping this site will replace a public health hazard and crime location with a source of jobs and community pride, which are consistent with the County Land Use Plan to prioritize the preservation of existing neighborhoods.

Beyond the city of Erie, one specific goal of the Erie County Land Use Plan is to promote the revitalization of existing urban places. By identifying, assessing, and promoting development of existing brownfields sites, the Erie Coalition's redevelopment strategy will support the County in achieving this goal which will also "create good jobs" for the community, consistent with the County Land Use Plan. Additionally, by revitalizing brownfields within the Lake Erie Coastal Zone, the Coalition will help to realize the goals of the County Department of Planning, Coastal Zone Management plan by strategically redeveloping those sites within the coastal zone, such as the former Erie Coke site, which threaten the health and sustainability of the Lake Erie ecosystem. Supporting the County Land Use Plan, the Coalition is also engaging the more rural communities in the County, such as Corry and Union City, where individual brownfield sites have a disproportionately large impact on these comparatively low-population towns. Additionally, the location of the County along Lake Erie and the availability of open space makes the County a potential location for renewable energy projects such as wind and solar which supports a Destination Erie Regional Plan (2015) goal to support development of locally generated renewable energy.

1.c.i. Assessment grants are a critical mechanism to catalyze brownfields redevelopment projects by providing a source of funding to facilitate environmental site assessments, address liability concerns, and support project design and remediation planning. However, additional sources of financial support will be needed to sustain a successful brownfields redevelopment program throughout Erie County. The Erie County Coalition partners have a demonstrated record of leveraging funding which support community revitalization projects and initiatives. If the Phase I and Phase II assessments determine that additional funding is required for a given site, the Coalition members will leverage their eligibility to access public funding and engage their network of redevelopment and financial partners to provide this needed support.

The following is a list of redevelopment leveraging that the Erie County Coalition partners have successfully accessed to support previous projects or will leverage for future projects as part of this assessment grant program.

- **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)** – This state program provides grants and financing through Industrial Site Reuse Program for environmental assessment and remediation activities. (**Value: up to \$1.2 million**)
- **Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)** – This PA Department of Community and Economic Development program provides low-interest loan financing through Industrial Development Corporations for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation, resulting in the creation or retention of jobs. (**Value: up to \$2 million**)
- **Internal Revenue Service Opportunity Zone** – The investment potential in the eight designated opportunity zones within Erie County will help to attract financial investment in projects beyond the assessment and planning work eligible under Assessment Grant Program. (**Value: variable**)
- **Coastal Resources Management Program** – This PADEP program provides grant funding for planning, design, engineering, construction, and acquisition projects within the designated Erie Coastal Zone. (**Value: up to \$50,000**)
- **US EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA) Program** – This US EPA program provides additional, site-specific funding to support assessment and remediation activities and is a useful tool to supplement the assessment program funded by this assessment grant. (**Average Value: \$100,000**)

1.c.ii. The Erie County Coalition is committed to prioritizing sites which utilize existing infrastructure throughout the County by using smart growth concepts and data-driven tools such as

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to guide planning and implementation of the assessment program. By utilizing existing infrastructure, the ultimate redevelopment of priority sites identified by the Coalition reduces the need for additional external capital investment, preserve rural and greenspace, and minimize greenhouse gas contributions from redevelopment activities. Within the city of Erie, the 2016 Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the need to focus future development around existing transportation and public utility corridors. Similarly, a primary goal of the County Land Use Plan is to promote development across the County in areas with existing sewer and water facilities. Owing to the largely rural nature of the County, access to existing infrastructure and public utilities is paramount to sustaining development and is consistent with “smart growth” principles. Destination Erie, a 2015 northwestern Pennsylvania regional strategic plan, specifically encourages growth and development in areas served by existing infrastructure. Accordingly, the Erie Coalition’s ranking criteria are intended to select priority sites consistent with the existing infrastructure utilization goals of the city, county, and regional growth and development plans.

2.a.i. Erie County (the County) is primarily a collection of small, rural communities with limited opportunities for employment and economic growth due in part to their small populations and limited financial resources. Overall, US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data from 2018 indicated that the population in Erie County decreased 2.1% from 2010 to 2017, thus reducing the available workforce and effectively decreasing the county tax base. Moreover, of all Erie County residents, nearly 40% live within the two largest cities (City of Erie and Corry) suggesting that the mostly rural communities of the County are in a desperate position for funding and a viable workforce. Combined, these factors have made it very difficult for the communities of Erie County to secure brownfields funding and manage a brownfields revitalization program on the scale needed to make a meaningful impact. Because the Erie Coalition is comprised of organizations from across the County, they represent these small, rural communities that do not have the resources to assess and remediate the brownfields that are impacting their residents. The Coalition’s goal is to support the growth and economic development of these communities through brownfields revitalization.

Various measures of income and wages in Erie County indicate that the situation here is worse than in surrounding counties and in the state as a whole. According to the most recent US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data (2018), the average weekly wages in Erie County (\$793) were lower than the national average wages (\$1,055). Moreover, the same data also indicated that median household income in Erie County (\$48,192) was nearly 20% less than the Pennsylvania (\$56,951) and national (\$57,652) averages. This income disparity is a contributing factor to the disproportionately elevated poverty rate in Erie County (15.7%) which is higher than in the surrounding counties of Warren (13.9%) and Crawford (14.6%) and higher than both state (12.5%) and national (12.3%) averages (US BLS 2018 data). Additionally, the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) data (2017) indicated a poverty rate of 24.1% for children in Erie County (ages 0-17), which is much greater than the national average of 18.4%, indicating that the pernicious issues of food security and housing are problematic for the children of Erie County. Overall, the financial situation across the County is limiting the capacity of communities to respond to the environmental and public health issues represented by brownfields.

2.a.ii.

(1) Brownfields redevelopment will help to improve the overall quality of life in communities across the Erie County by removing sources of contamination and reducing potential exposure of county residents to pollutants. Pernicious and persistent environmental concerns related to brownfields sites such as asbestos, lead-based paint, petroleum products, along with myriad unknown physical and chemical hazards associated with these sites present a real and continuous threat to the health and welfare of the disproportionately sensitive populations that live near these blighted properties. Brownfields redevelopment will improve residents’ health and welfare by removing sources of contamination and limiting inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact exposures, which coincides with the 2015 Regional Comprehensive Plan’s goal of protecting and improving health and welfare of County residents. Additionally, physical health risks will also be mitigated by removing or restoring deteriorated buildings associated with these properties. Low-income and minority

populations in these communities will likely be the most directly affected by brownfields redevelopment projects and expansion/creation of greenspaces and improving the quality of life in those communities and neighborhoods is a priority of the Erie Coalition. For example, the Erie County Coalition has already identified the former QUIN-T site, a known source of asbestos and a physical safety hazard after several acts of vandalism and arson, as a priority site. This site is located in a residential area of the Trinity Park neighborhood, which has been identified by the City of Erie Comprehensive Plan (2016) as one of the most distressed areas of the city because of its pervasive poverty (43%) and high tax delinquency rate (25%) when compared to more affluent neighborhoods.

(2) The hazardous substances and petroleum products associated with brownfields sites throughout Erie County represent sources of contamination that may adversely impact the health of county residents. As reported in the Erie County Community Health Needs Assessment (2018), elevated lead levels measured in children throughout the County (2.1%) were higher than the Pennsylvania state average (1.3%). Moreover, the same report indicated that the prevalence of asthma (2011-2013) was greater in lower income communities (18%) and the prevalence of asthma in adults across the County rose from 2011-13 to 2016-17. Given that these sensitive populations often reside in neighborhoods where brownfields are present, the data suggest that hazards at these sites may be having measureable and negative impacts on the health the communities where they are located. The table below summarizes additional public-health statistics for those nefarious health conditions commonly associated with pollutants associated with brownfields.

	Death Rate per 1,000 ¹	Infant Mortality Rate (2012-2014) ¹	Cancer Deaths ^{2,3}	Incidences of Prostate Cancer ^{2,3}	Incidences of Breast Cancer (female) ^{2,3}
Erie County	8.0	6.8	182.3	102.6	132.3
Pennsylvania	7.5	6.6	170.9	98.3	130.3

¹Pennsylvania Department of Health, available: www.health.state.pa.us/stats

²2018 Erie County Community Health Needs Report. Data are for 2012-2014.

³rates are age-adjusted per 100,000 individuals

(3) The prevalence of brownfields in Erie County has contributed to higher unemployment, increased poverty rates, a lower per capita income, and suppressed property values. While the unemployment rate in Erie County was similar to state and national rates, Erie County continued to realize sustained job losses in the three of the four largest county employment sectors; manufacturing (-1.1%), trade, transportation, and utilities (-1.4%), and government (-0.6%) according to US BLS, Current Employment Statistics data (2017-2018). US Census Bureau data indicated that median home values in Erie County, as measured between 2013 and 2017, were more than 37% less than the state average and more than 55% less than the national median home value. The same Census Data also indicated that the proportion of the population with a disability in both Erie County (11.2%) and the City of Erie (15.1%) were higher than Pennsylvania (9.6%) and national averages (8.7%) suggesting an above-average reliance on healthcare systems and subsidized healthcare throughout the County. Combined, the lagging income gains, job losses, and a depressed housing market, these factors are contributing to a declining county-wide tax base which has led to a reduction in services and the amount of revenue that county municipalities have to operate and confront the blight and negative human health and environmental impacts related to brownfields.

2.b.i. Only by working with the groups, residents, and local organizations in communities adversely affected by brownfields can a redevelopment and revitalization program such as this be successful and impactful. Below are some of the community partners that the Coalition has currently engaged from across the County. However, as the program begins and the work commences, the Coalition hopes to add more partners and broaden their community connections.

<u>Partner Name</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>	<u>Role in Project</u>
Tom Ridge Environmental Center	Barbara Chaffee bchaffee@trecf.org 814-833-7424	The environmental center will provide space for public meetings and coalition activities.

SONS of Lake Erie	Jerry Skrypzak sonslakerie@aol.com 814-453-2270	Engage their membership to identify priority sites along Lake Erie and distribute Coalition announcements and information
Booker T. Washington Center	Shauntelle Hilliard shilliard@btwcenter.org 814-453-5744	Provide space for public meetings and will coordinate outreach to their members
Union City Pride	David Nothum nothumd627@msn.com 814-746-6668	Engage membership to participate in the program, assist in identifying local priority sites, distribute program information
Corry Neighborhood Initiative	Brad Allen brad@teamrossbacher.com 814-664-7744	Coordinate to identify priority sites, use community outreach network to engage Corry residents, distribute program information

2.b.ii. Input from the local communities is necessary to ensure program success, transparency, and progress. Accordingly, soliciting, incorporating, and responding to community input regarding brownfields is critical. The Erie Coalition has developed a community engagement approach that will facilitate reciprocal, collaborative, and constructive dialogue with the community using targeted, multimodal outreach followed by a series of review and response feedback. To kick off the program, the Erie Coalition will announce the award to the community through a press release to the local newspapers (*Erie Times News*, *Corry Journal*), local trade and commerce publications (e.g., Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Manufacturer's & Business Association), local TV stations (e.g., WICU and WJET), and the Erie County Economic Development's social media pages (Twitter and LinkedIn). Additionally, the Coalition will post announcements on their website (www.eriedevelopment.org) and send program updates and as part of their monthly newsletter to their existing email list serve of over 5,000 recipients. Coalition press releases and updates will include information about the program, including goals, potential priority sites, resources, and instructions for the community on how to engage with the Coalition as the program moves forward. The Coalition will also send notices to area Chambers of Commerce so that they can provide program information to local businesses and solicit input on identifying new priority sites.

3.a. The tasks summarized below are for both hazardous substances and petroleum products.

Task 1: Programmatic: The lead coalition member will be responsible for overall programmatic and administrative oversight of the assessment grant program. The Coalition will be responsible for cooperative agreement oversight (lead agency), soliciting, selecting, and contracting the qualified environmental professional (QEP), performance reporting (US ACRES updates), and coordination with US EPA. This task also includes travel for Coalition members' attendance at brownfields conferences to present success stories from the program.

- **Task Lead:** Erie County IDA (Lead Coalition member)
- **Anticipated Schedule:** The solicitation for and selection of the QEP will be completed within the first 3 months following award of funding and execution of the cooperative agreement. All other administrative tasks will be completed as necessary and appropriate over the 3-years.

Task 2: Community Outreach: The Coalition members will be responsible for announcing grant progress, public meeting dates, and soliciting input from the public through their social media accounts, their existing monthly email newsletter, and through secondary distribution via their community partners. The Coalition will also hold a kick-off meeting in the City of Erie to inform the community and solicit input and feedback. As needed or requested, the Coalition will hold update meetings throughout the duration of the grant program to further engage with the public.

- **Task Lead:** Erie County IDA (Lead Coalition member) supported by other coalition members and the selected QEP.
- **Anticipated Schedule:** The initial community meeting will be scheduled during the first three months following the grant award. Updates about program progress and public solicitations for input will be posted/delivered as applicable and public update meetings will be held annually, or as needed, based on community input, site selection, and program progress.

Task 3: Site Inventory and Selection: The Erie Coalition will be responsible for updating their initial brownfields inventory and will work with their community partners and direct the QEP to create a larger list, inclusive of more communities and brownfields sites throughout the County. The contracted QEP will assist the Coalition in identifying new sites, contacting site owners for inclusion in the program, developing a GIS database and mapping materials, and preparing Property Profile Forms (PPFs) for submission to the US EPA to determine site eligibility. Consistent with the priority sites identified in Section 1.a.ii., the Coalition will inventory, select and assess (Task 4) sites in each of the Coalition members' jurisdiction including Union City, the City of Erie, and Corry.

- **Task Lead:** Erie County IDA (lead Coalition member) supported by other coalition members and the selected QEP.
- **Anticipated Schedule:** The existing site inventory will be actively expanded and the GIS database and maps will be created during the first 6-9 months following grant award. The PPFs will be completed and the site inventory will be updated throughout the program.

Task 4: Site Assessments: Site assessment activities will be completed by the selected QEP at the direction of the Coalition. Eligible sites will be evaluated through completion of Phase I and/or Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) conducted in accordance with All Appropriate Inquiry and applicable ASTM standards, and all work will be done consistent with The Pennsylvania Land Recycling Program (i.e., Act 2) of 1995. The QEP will complete up to 20 Phase I ESAs (along with accompanying US EPA AAI Checklist) and up to 10 Phase II ESAs, which includes the completion and submission of a health and safety plan (HASP) and Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for each site. Prior to initiation of any Phase II work, the QEP will prepare and submit a quality assurance project plan (QAPP) for both hazardous substances and petroleum products. Additionally, the QEP will work with the Coalition to coordinate and secure site access agreements for eligible priority sites.

- **Task Lead:** The selected QEP at the direction of the Erie County IDA (Lead Coalition member)
- **Anticipated Schedule:** Phase I ESAs will be initiated within 6 months of the start of the program will be ongoing throughout the duration of the program. A SAP, HASP, and Phase II ESA report will be completed for each site, as appropriate, based on the findings of the Phase I ESA on a rolling basis following completion of the Phase I for a given site. The QAPP will be completed within the first 6 months following program initiation.

Task 5: Remedial Planning and Design: In coordination with the Coalition, the QEP will be responsible for completing and submitting at least 4 Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) for hazardous substances and petroleum products sites. The RAPs will outline the remediation plan for specific sites based on the results of the Phase I and Phase II ESAs. These RAPs will then be used to either leverage cleanup funds from applicable programs or serve as a workplan for privately funded remediation work, as needed.

- **Task Lead:** The selected QEP at the direction of the Erie County IDA (Lead Coalition member)
- **Anticipated Schedule:** RAPs will be developed and submitted to the EPA within 3 months following the completion of Phase II ESA activities for a given site, as appropriate.

3.b. The following table summarizes the grant funding allocation for each proposed task.

Community Wide Assessment Budget – Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Products							
Budget Categories		Task 1: Programmatic	Task 2: Community Outreach	Task 3: Site Inventory and Selection	Task 4: Site Assessments	Task 5: Remedial Planning and Design	Total
Personnel	Haz	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$18,000
	Petro	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$9,500
Travel	Haz	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
	Petro	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Supplies	Haz	\$1,000	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,750
	Petro	\$500	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750

Contractual	Haz	\$0	\$2,000	\$20,000	\$312,500	\$15,000	\$349,500
	Petro	\$0	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$127,500	\$5,000	\$143,500
Total Direct	Haz	\$9,000	\$5,750	\$26,000	\$314,500	\$16,000	\$371,250
	Petro	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$13,000	\$128,500	\$5,500	\$154,750
Total Indirect	Haz	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Petro	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Total		\$14,000	\$8,500	\$39,000	\$443,000	\$21,500	\$526,000

Hazardous Substances Cost Estimates

Task 1: Programmatic Costs

Personnel – 140 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$7,000; *Travel* - \$500 for attendance at two conferences = \$1,000; *Supplies* - \$1,000 for printing and distribution, website maintenance fees.

Task 2: Community Outreach Costs

Personnel - 60 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$3,000; *Supplies* - \$750 for newspaper fees, website/social media fees, printing information materials; *Contractual* – 2 days for the QEP to attend and support outreach meetings at an average rate of \$1,000/day = \$2,000.

Task 3: Site Inventory and Selection Costs

Personnel - 100 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$5,000; *Travel* - 20 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$1,000 for the Erie Coalition to visit potential sites; *Contractual* - 20 days for the QEP to assist in contacting site owners, completing Property Profile Forms, canvassing, inventory database development and maintenance, and GIS mapping at an average rate of \$1,000/day = \$20,000.

Task 4: Site Assessments Costs

Personnel - 40 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$2,000; *Contractual* – The QEP will complete 15 Phase I ESAs at an average cost of \$5,500 each = \$82,500, a QAPP at a cost of \$2,500, 7 Phase II ESAs (including Site Access Agreements, SAP, HASP, and Phase II ESA report) at an average cost of \$32,500 each = \$227,500.

Task 5: Remedial Planning and Design Costs

Personnel - 20 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$1,000; *Contractual* – The QEP will complete 3 RAPs at an average cost of \$5,000 each = \$15,000.

Petroleum Products Cost Estimates

Task 1: Programmatic Costs

Personnel – 80 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$4,000; *Travel* - \$500 for attendance at one conference = \$500; *Supplies* - \$500 for printing and distribution of materials, website fees.

Task 2: Community Outreach Costs

Personnel - 30 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$1,500; *Supplies* - \$250 for newspaper fees, website/social media fees, printing information materials; *Contractual* – 1 days for the QEP to attend and support outreach meetings at an average rate of \$1,000/day = \$1,000.

Task 3: Site Inventory and Selection Costs

Personnel - 50 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$2,500; *Travel* - 10 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$500 for Erie Coalition to visit and evaluate potential sites; *Contractual* - 10 days for the QEP to assist in contacting site owners, completing Property Profile Forms, canvassing, inventory database development and maintenance, and GIS mapping at an average rate of \$1,000/day = \$10,000.

Task 4: Site Assessment Costs

Personnel - 20 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$1,000; *Contractual* – The QEP will complete 5 Phase I ESAs at an average cost of \$5,500 each = \$27,500, a QAPP at a cost of \$2,500, 3 Phase II ESAs (including SAP, HASP, and Phase II ESA report) at an average cost of \$32,500 each = \$97,500.

Task 5: Remedial Planning and Design Costs

Personnel - 10 hours at an average rate of \$50/hour = \$5,000; *Contractual* – The QEP will complete one RAP at an average cost of \$5,000 = \$5,000.

Program Outputs

	<u>Task 1</u> <u>Programmatic</u>	<u>Task 2</u> <u>Community Outreach</u>	<u>Task 3</u> <u>Site Inventory and Selection</u>	<u>Task 4</u> <u>Site Assessments</u>	<u>Task 5</u> <u>Remedial Planning and Design</u>
<u>Outputs</u> (Hazardous Substances & Petroleum Products)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QEP solicitation (RFP) and contract • Memorandum of Agreement • 3 Conference Presentations • EPA Reporting (ACRES) • 1 kickoff meeting with US EPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Community meetings • Updating and maintenance of social media accounts • Creation of marketing & information materials • Press releases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Completed PPFs for priority sites • 10 Site Inventory visits • GIS-based site inventory database and mapping • Public notification updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Site Access Agreements • 20 Phase I ESA reports • 2 QAPPs • 10 SAPs • 10 HASPs • 10 Phase II ESA reports • US ACRES updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 RAPs • Press releases and social media updates • ACRES updates • Secondary funding programs

3.c. This funding will promote the revitalization and redevelopment of blighted and hazardous brownfields sites while promoting the expansion of greenspaces throughout the County. Revitalization of these sites and defining their highest and best use will support sustained economic growth, promote new investment, create jobs, build stronger healthier communities by removing potential environmental and physical hazards from the community such as asbestos, lead-based paint, metals-contaminated soils, and deteriorating buildings. These hazards are exemplified by the crumbling, former QUIN-T priority site which is located in a densely populated residential area.

Overall, the most important results of the Coalition's assessment program are to create jobs, spur indirect economic growth, expand/create greenspaces, and remove hazardous materials from the community. Consistent with the summary of tasks and activities above, the Coalition plans to assess 6-7 sites per year (Phase I ESAs) and will evaluate overall progress toward that goal by issuing an annual progress report. The report will summarize the overall progress of the program and will include information such as future redevelopment plans for specific sites, jobs created, an update on any environmental conditions and contaminants identified, a summary of outputs from the program, and a solicitation for additional community input. Additionally, the solicitation for the QEP will require the submission of a project timeline based on the expected outputs identified in Section 3.b. The timeline will ensure that the program schedule is being met and deliverables are being completed in a timely and efficient manner. The Coalition will also submit quarterly reports and update US ACRES as deliverables are completed which will act as another mechanism to track progress.

4.a.i. The Erie County Industrial Development Authority (ECIDA) will be the lead organization within the Coalition and will act as the liaison to the Enterprise Development Center of Erie County and the Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry for delivery of performance and technical reporting. Ms. Katrina Vincent is the Chief Operating Officer of the City of Corry and Erie County Redevelopment Authorities and will act as the program director and be responsible for day-to-day Assessment Grant management, reporting (e.g., US ACRES), communication, and community outreach. Ms. Vincent will also be responsible for the coordination of the site-selection process, project coordination with the other coalition members, and the QEP solicitation and selection. Ms. Vincent has over 15 years of experience in local and county-level administration, project management, economic development, and budgeting, and is a board member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (Advocacy Committee Chair). Moreover, Ms. Vincent and the Coalition members' staff have been directly responsible for securing and managing large-scale, economic development funding programs such as those listed below for the past 10 years. Together, the Coalition members, along with the program director, have the demonstrated experience to successfully manage a county-wide, brownfields assessment program and have the background necessary to select a QEP capable of completing the proposed assessment activities. To ensure

equitable participation, the Coalition will hold internal quarterly update meetings with all Coalition members to discuss progress and performance, and to solicit input on future direction.

4.a.ii. The Coalition recognizes that it does not have the in-house resources to complete all of the tasks and activities of this assessment program, but does have the experience to acquire the expertise necessary to complete the project. Upon authorization of the Cooperative Agreement by the US EPA, the Coalition will issue a request for proposal to select an experienced QEP to assist in completing select project tasks and activities. The QEP will have previous experience with community-wide, brownfields redevelopment projects where multiple brownfields financing programs were leveraged, including US EPA Assessment Grants, to ensure they have the necessary experience with Assessment Grant procedures, requirements, and timeframes. The QEP will be retained using a qualification-based selection process in accordance with Coalition member policies, Pennsylvania law, applicable federal funding procurement regulations (40 CFR §31.36), and US EPA Solicitation Clauses. Additionally, the Coalition will coordinate with the QEP to secure additional funding resources, such as Pa DCED ISRP and US EPA TBA funding as described in Section 1.c.i., to complete specific assessment tasks and activities and extend the impact and reach of the assessment grant program.

4.b.ii. Members of the Erie Coalition have been awarded numerous federal and state assistance agreements to effectuate job creation and remove environmental hazards in Erie County that are similar in scope and purpose to the proposed county-wide brownfields assessment grant program.

(1) Three recent funding awards of over \$1.8 million were secured by Coalition members and are summarized below.

- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP) – Coalition Member Recipient: Redevelopment Authority of the City of Corry, Award Total: \$69,566 (2018). This program provides funding for environmental site assessments and remediation at brownfields sites in Pennsylvania. Funding was awarded to remediate lead impacts at the former ThermaFab site in Corry. Remediation, in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 2 requirements, is expected to be completed in 2019 and subsequent redevelopment of the facility is expected to generate 20-50 new jobs.
- Pennsylvania Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) – Coalition Member Recipient: Redevelopment Authority of the City of Corry, Award Total: \$1,000,000 (2018). This program provides funding for the acquisition and construction of improvement projects that increase current levels of employment and tax revenue. The funding is supporting the construction of a new medical facility at the Corry Memorial Hospital which is currently underway. Construction is expected to be completed in the fall of 2019 and will ultimately support the creation of 15-20 new jobs.
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) – Coalition Member Recipient: Redevelopment Authority of the City of Corry, Award Total: \$750,000 (2015). This program provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities. To date, this program has loaned \$277,450 which has supported the successful expansion and development of four new businesses across Erie County. This funding program is directly responsible for creating or retaining more than 98 jobs across the County in the historically important manufacturing sector.

(2) The Erie Coalition members have complied with all requirements for each of the programs listed above and are in good standing with the programs that are currently active. All reporting and programmatic compliance requirements for each of the three funding awards identified above have been met. The entities responsible for management and funding disbursement are in good standing with the respective programs. Additionally, the remediation of the ThermaFab site is being completed consistent with DCED ISRP requirements so that the site will be eligible to receive the liability protections afforded by the PA Act 2 Land Recycling Program following completion of remediation. All requirements for RACP grant for the Corry Memorial Hospital expansion are being met and the Corry Redevelopment Authority is in good standing with the Commonwealth. Additionally, the USDA IRP loan program has maintained compliance with program requirements since 2015 and as such, continues to lend funding for eligible projects across Erie County.

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Coalition Member Eligibility Documentation

Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry, Pennsylvania
Erie County Industrial Development Authority (Coalition Lead Member)
Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, Inc.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Department of State

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, In and by the provisions of Urban Redevelopment Law, Act No. 385, approved the twenty-fourth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, Pamphlet Laws 991, the Department of State is authorized and required to issue a

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

evidencing the incorporation of a redevelopment authority under the provisions of said Act,

AND WHEREAS, The stipulations and conditions of said Act have been fully complied with by the Governing Body of the City of Corry, by the passage of a proper Ordinance finding and declaring that there is a need for a Redevelopment Authority.

THEREFORE, KNOW YE, That subject to the Constitution of this Commonwealth and under the authority of Act No. 385, approved the twenty-fourth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, P. L. 991, I DO BY THESE PRESENTS, which I have caused to be sealed with the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, declare and certify the creation, erection and incorporation of

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF CORRY, PENNSYLVANIA

into a body politic and corporate in deed and in law by the name hereinbefore specified, now to become operative with authority to transact business.

Such corporation shall have and enjoy and shall be subject to all the powers, duties, requirements and restrictions specified and enjoined in and by the above Act of Assembly and all other applicable laws of this Commonwealth.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the City of Harrisburg, this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and ninety-eighth.

C. McLaughlin Tucker

Secretary of the Commonwealth
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, In and by the provisions of the Industrial Development Authority Law approved August 23, A. D. 1967, (Act No. 102), the Secretary of the Commonwealth is authorized and required to issue a

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

evidencing the incorporation of an authority under the provisions of said Law.

AND WHEREAS, The stipulations and conditions of said Law have been fully complied with by the Municipal Authorities of the County of Erie

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania desiring the organization of

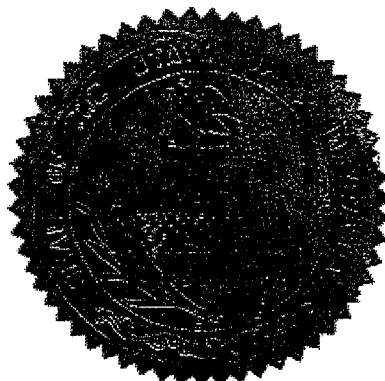
ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

THEREFORE, KNOW YE, That subject to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and under the authority of Act No. 102, approved the twenty-third day of August, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, I DO BY THESE PRESENTS, which I have caused to be sealed with the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, declare and certify the creation, erection and incorporation of

ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

into a body politic and corporate in deed and in law by the name chosen hereinbefore specified, now to become operative with authority to transact business, and which shall exist for a term of fifty years unless sooner dissolved according to law.

Such corporation shall have and enjoy and shall be subject to all the powers, duties, requirements, and restrictions, specified and enjoined in and by the above Act of Assembly and all other applicable laws of this Commonwealth.



GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the City of Harrisburg, this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six nine and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and ninety-fourth.

David L. Heller
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Entity# : 921458
Date Filed : 07/14/2016
Pedro A. Cortés

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Articles of Amendment-Domestic Corporation
(15 Pa.C.S.)

 Business Corporation (§ 1915)
 X Nonprofit Corporation (§ 5915)

Name Kristine M. Connelly		
Address 100 State Street, Suite 700,		
City Erie	State PA	Zip Code 16507

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In compliance with the requirements of the applicable provisions (relating to articles of amendment), the undersigned, desiring to amend its articles, hereby states that:

1. The name of the corporation is:

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF ERIE COUNTY, INC.

2. The (a) address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth or (b) name of its commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is (the Department is hereby authorized to correct the following information to conform to the records of the Department):

(a) Number and Street	City	State	Zip	County
5240 KNOWLEDGE PARKWAY,	ERIE	PA	16510-4658	Erie

(b) Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider _____ County _____

c/o: _____

3. The statute by or under which it was incorporated:

Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law

4. The date of its incorporation: 5/19/1986

5. Check, and if appropriate, complete one of the following:

 X The amendment shall be effective upon filing these Articles of Amendment in the Department of State.

 The amendment shall be effective on: _____ at _____
Date Hour

6. Check one of the following:

- ☐ The amendment was adopted by the shareholders or members pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1914(a) and (b) or § 5914(a).
- ☒ The amendment was adopted by the board of directors pursuant to 15 Pa. C.S. § 1914(c) or § 5914(b).

7. Check, and if appropriate, complete one of the following:

- ☐ The amendment adopted by the corporation, set forth in full, is as follows
- ☒ The amendment adopted by the corporation is set forth in full in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

8. Check if the amendment restates the Articles:

- ☒ The restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original articles and all amendments thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this

14 day of July, 2016.

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF ERIE
COUNTY, INC.

Name of Corporation

Richard M. Novotny

Signature

Chairman

Title

Exhibit A

to the Articles of Amendment of

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF ERIE COUNTY, INC.
(the "Corporation")

1. The name of the corporation is:

Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, Inc.

2. The address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth and the county of venue is:

<u>Number and Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>County</u>
208 E. Bayfront Parkway, Suite 100	Erie	PA	16507	Erie

3. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Such purposes shall include (a) the promotion of community and economic development, (b) the preservation, development, rehabilitation and utilization of commercial and industrial buildings and properties, and (c) the prevention of community deterioration. Solely for the above purposes, the Corporation is empowered to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania upon nonprofit corporations, including, but without limitation thereon, to solicit and receive funds and any other property or interests in property by gift, grant, bequest, devise, bargain, purchase, or any similar transaction, and to hold, administer, invest, and disburse such funds and property and such income as may be generated through the investment of such funds and property, exclusively for the charitable purposes of the Corporation and activities related thereto, including to use, apply, invest, and reinvest the principal and/or income therefrom or distribute the same for the above purposes.

4. The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise.

5. The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

6. The corporation shall have no members.

7. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors or officers, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes herein set forth. It is intended that the Corporation shall have, and continue to have, the status of a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and these Articles of Incorporation shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and powers and activities

hereunder shall be limited accordingly. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted, to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which are either governmental organizations or are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), outright and in such amounts or proportions as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine.

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Coalition Member Letters of Commitment

Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry, Pennsylvania
Erie County Industrial Development Authority (Coalition Lead Member)
Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, Inc.

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
IN THE
*CITY OF CORRY***



Richard Novotny
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Michael Baker - *Member*
Mike Lagartchia - *Member*

January 18, 2019

Dear EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Program Administrator,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry is supportive of the Erie County Industrial Development Authority's application for a \$600,000 US EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Coalition Grant for Hazardous Substances. Our organization is excited to serve as a coalition member in the application as these monies are crucial to continued redevelopment efforts of contaminated properties throughout Erie County and specifically, the Corry community.

We have successfully leased the existing inventory of industrial space in Corry, but suffer from a demand for additional space to be made available on the market. The Authority has not applied nor utilized EPA funds historically and thus looks forward to collaborating with the Agency as well as our coalition members to leverage these monies to address blight, contamination and ultimately bring these underutilized properties back on the tax rolls.

We appreciate your consideration as we continue to assist our expanding companies and attract new to our community.

Sincerely,

Dave Dearborn, Chairman



Erie County Industrial Development Authority

January 18, 2019

Dear EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Program Administrator,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Erie County Industrial Development Authority is fully supportive of the application for a \$600,000 US EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Coalition Grant for Hazardous Substances and we are vehemently committed to serving as the lead coalition member. We have previously applied for EPA funds unsuccessfully, but continue to need these monies to boost our economic development efforts and facilitate revitalization.

Erie County, Pennsylvania is a former industrial and manufacturing center located in a strategic area for healthcare, technology, and higher education. During the last several decades Erie County has suffered a loss of jobs, experienced a shrinking tax base, decaying infrastructure, a decrease in private investment, and an aging population and needs additional funding to support redevelopment and revitalization across the county. Erie County is planning to utilize US EPA Brownfields funding to create a site inventory and conduct environmental assessments to facilitate revitalization and redevelopment.

In order to further the county's revitalization, Erie County has invested in several planning studies and developed economic revitalization strategies to identify sustainable solutions for revitalization. Based on the community input received during these studies, the county has identified numerous sites, which require environmental assessments to evaluate potential presence of environmental conditions from hazardous substances. These sites include vacant and underutilized properties throughout the county. These sites create blight that are burdens on the surrounding communities, but are viable candidates for productive reuse and have the potential to attract additional investment and spur job creation.

The Erie County Industrial Development Authority and our coalition members intend to take the next steps toward successful reuse and revitalization of these sites through the funding that is available through the US EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Coalition Grant Program.

We appreciate your partnership and respectfully request your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ralph DeRose, Chairman



Enterprise Development Center of Erie County

January 18, 2019

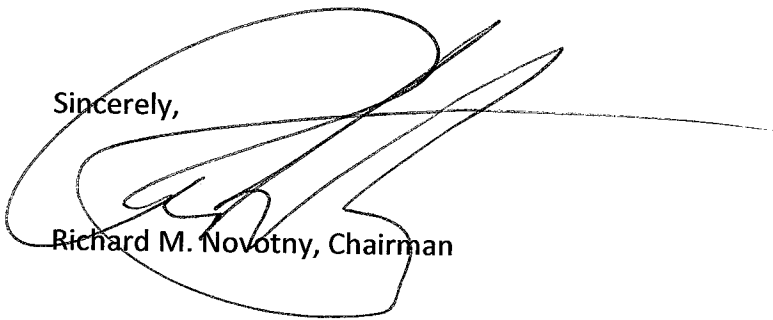
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Our community is experiencing a tremendous shortage in both existing industrial building inventory as well as shovel ready Greenfield sites. Due diligence of brownfield properties and ultimately, remediation would provide a much needed addition to our lacking offerings for expanding businesses and those considering locating in our community. Our organization has not utilized EPA monies in the past and are excited to partner in this request.

We appreciate your consideration as we continue our efforts to grow our economy.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Novotny, Chairman



ERIE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Erie County General Authority | Erie County Redevelopment Authority | Erie County Industrial Development Authority
Enterprise Development Center of Erie County | Erie County Community Services Financing Authority | Corry Area Industrial
Development Corporation | Redevelopment Authority in the City of Corry | Corry Industrial Benefit Association

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Description of Community Involvement

January 31, 2019

Involving the community is an integral part of any successful and impactful brownfields assessment and revitalization program. Accordingly, the Erie County Coalition is committed to actively engaging the community members, groups, and organizations in this county-wide brownfields assessment program. Below are some of the community partners that the Coalition has currently engaged from across the County. However, as the program begins and the work commences, the Coalition hopes to add more partners and broaden their community connections.

<u>Partner Name</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>	<u>Role in Project</u>
Tom Ridge Environmental Center	Barbara Chaffee bchaffee@trecf.org 814-833-7424	The environmental center will provide space for public meetings and coalition activities.
SONS of Lake Erie	Jerry Skrypzak sonslakerie@aol.com 814-453-2270	Engage their membership to identify priority sites along Lake Erie and distribute Coalition announcements and information
Booker T. Washington Center	Shauntelle Hilliard shilliard@btwcenter.org 814-453-5744	Provide space for public meetings and will coordinate outreach to their members
Union City Pride	David Nothum Nothumd627@msn.com 814-746-6668	Engage membership to participate in the program, assist in identifying local priority sites, distribute program information
Sisters of Saint Joseph	Heather Casper hcasper@ssjnn.org 814-454-7814	
Saint Martin Center	David Gonzalez dgonzalez@stmartincenter.org 814-452-6113	
Barber National Institute	John Barber johnbarber@barberinstitute.org 814-878-4047	Will partner with the Coalition to identify potential sites and health impacts relevant to their organization which serves sensitive youth populations
Erie Western PA Port Authority	Brenda Sandberg bsandberg@porterie.org 814-455-7557	Will engage with the Coalition to identify potential priority sites along Lake Erie and work to help secure site access, when applicable
Corry Neighborhood Initiative	Brad Allen brad@teamrossbacher.com 814-664-7744	Coordinate to identify priority sites, use community outreach network to engage Corry residents, distribute program information

Input from the local communities is necessary to ensure program success, transparency, and progress. Accordingly, soliciting, incorporating, and responding to community input regarding brownfields is critical. The Erie Coalition has developed a community engagement approach that will facilitate reciprocal, collaborative, and constructive dialogue with the community using targeted, multimodal outreach followed by a series of review and response feedback. To kick off the program, the Erie Coalition will announce the award to the community through a press release to the local newspapers (*Erie Times News*, *Corry Journal*), local trade and commerce publications (e.g., Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Manufacturer's & Business Association), local TV stations (e.g., WICU and WJET), Erie County Economic Development's social media pages (Twitter and LinkedIn).

Additionally, the Coalition will post announcements on their website (www.eriedevelopment.org) and send program updates and as part of their monthly newsletter to their existing email list serve of over 5,000 recipients. Coalition press releases and updates will include information about the program, including goals, potential priority sites, resources, and instructions for the community on how to engage with the Coalition as the program moves forward. The Coalition will also send notices to area Chambers of Commerce so that they can provide program information to local businesses and solicit input on identifying new priority sites.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

01/31/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Erie County Industrial Development Authority

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

251436045

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0783121600000

d. Address:

* Street1:

1524 Enterprise Road

Street2:

* City:

Corry

County/Parish:

Erie

* State:

PA: Pennsylvania

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

16407-8576

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Erie County Industrial Develop

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Katrinia

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Vincent

Suffix:

Title:

Vice President

Organizational Affiliation:

Erie County Industrial Development Authority

* Telephone Number:

814-664-3884

Fax Number:

814-664-3885

* Email:

katrina@erieredevelopment.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

X: Other (specify)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

County Industrial Development

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-18-06

* Title:

FY19 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

A request is being made for environmental assessment monies to conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 activities on blighted sites throughout Erie County.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

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* b. Program/Project

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

08/01/2019

* b. End Date:

12/31/2020

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

600,000.00

* b. Applicant

0.00

* c. State

0.00

* d. Local

0.00

* e. Other

0.00

* f. Program Income

0.00

* g. TOTAL

600,000.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

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* Date Signed:

01/31/2019